

United States Adult Soccer Association
National Board of Directors Approved Meeting Minutes
7pm Thursday February 8, 2024 Dallas Texas

1. Meeting was called to Order by USASA President John Motta at 7:04pm.
2. USASA President John Motta welcomed all the board members and guests that were present. President John Motta asked that all guests refrain from asking questions during the meeting. President John Motta, announced that if there was enough time, he would allow questions after the meeting.

USASA President John Motta introduced special US Soccer guest:

JT Batson, Chief Executive Officer

New Chief Financial Officer

Vice President of Referees

Chief Executive Officer, JT Batson announced that:

- 1) There will be several US Soccer workshops this weekend to discuss the US Soccer ecosystem and he invites everyone to attend.
- 2) US Soccer has a new Vice President of Referees; Kari Seitz.
- 3) US Soccer will have a very heavy calendar for the next couple of years with the 2024 Copa America, the FIFA Club World Cup, the United States co hosting the 2026 Men's World Cup, and bids for the 2027 Women's World Cup are underway.
- 4) US Soccer is very excited to be moving to Atlanta Georgia with their new headquarters and national teams training facilities.

3. USASA Secretary Karon Beyer called the roll, and all members of the Board of Directors were present.

USASA President John Motta asked for a moment of silence to remember all those in the soccer community that have passed on including past Utah President Bill Bosgraaf and Mike Maloney, past Region IV Deputy Director.

4. The proposed February 07, 2024 Agenda was approved with no changes.
5. The Board approved the proposed January 2024 Meeting Minutes with no corrections.
6. Officer's Reports:

A. President's Report: John Motta

- 1) Player Registrations: President John Motta thanked the members for helping us reach our USASA goal of over 200 thousand registrations. We have seen a growth of three percent in registrations.
- 2) Financial: President John Motta thanked USASA Treasurer Lori Stoneburner for all her hard work in getting the financials emailed out. The USASA financials will show a net surplus.
- 3) Adult Council: President John Motta will present a quick refresher for the membership at the Adult Council Meeting tomorrow on the history between USASA, US Soccer, the Adult Council and the responsibilities of the Adult Council. John Motta added that the United States Specialty Sports Association and United Premier Soccer League now are members of the Adult Council.
- 4) 2024 US Open Cup has expanded to 32 amateur teams in the first Round. President John Motta and Richard Groff (US Soccer Adult Council Representative) have asked the United States Soccer Federation Board of

Directors that the adults request that every amateur team get to play against a professional team in the first round.

5) Utah Merger: John Motta was happy to announce that Utah Youth and Utah Adults have created a joint association. USASA Affiliate Director and Utah Vice President, Kendra Halterman introduced the members of their combined board.

Brian Babcock, President

Bryan Attridge, CEO

Carly Kent, Director of Operations and Finance

Blaine Burnett, Executive Director

President John Motta asked if Utah had submitted their combined affiliation application to US Soccer and he was told they had. President Motta ask that Utah submit an application for membership approval to USASA through the USASA National office for approval at the USASA Annual General Council Meeting in September.

6) US Soccer National Training Center: President John Motta asks the US Soccer Representatives present if it would be possible for USASA or its members, to partner with the US Soccer National Training Center to develop future fields to host future National Amateur Cup Competitions.

B. Vice President's Report: Fritz Marth

1) Educational Program: Vice President Fritz Marth has reviewed the Educational information he received from Region IV and has sent it back to Anne Braghero, from Oregon for collaboration on the revisions.

2) USASA Coaching Licensing: Vice President Fritz Marth has been working with Richard Moeller, Hall of Fame Chair, on a USASA specific coaching licensing for USASA coaching. US Soccer CEO JT Batson offered to help Fritz Marth in this project.

C. Executive Director: Bruce Bode Reported on:

1) Registration: Final Registration numbers for fall 2023 were at 225, 000. All members have submitted their Affiliation fees for 2024.

2) US Soccer Coaches Convention: Executive Director Bruce hosted a USASA booth this year at the 2024 United Soccer Coaches Convention in Anaheim California, January 10 – 14, 2024. Bruce Bode felt that it was very successful in getting our USASA brand out there as USASA has not had a booth at the event in several years. We also boosted that through social media. The original National Amateur Cup Trophy was on display for photo opportunities as well as a book signing with Tom Mulroy, author of 90 Minutes with the King.

3) WPSL Owners' meeting: Bruce Bode attended this meeting which was a very positive opportunity to meet with many member teams as well as WPSL staff and board members. There was also significant positive response from member teams about participating in the Women's National Amateur Cup.

4) USASA National Board of Directors Strategic Planning Session: Executive Director Bruce Bode announced that the Board would meet April 19 – 21st, 2024 in Chicago Illinois.

5) SportLoMo registration system: The Sportlomo registration system is behind schedule for implementation but this was not unexpected given the complete change in the website that is being implemented. Executive Director Bruce Bode will talk to all the members (tomorrow) during the individual Region workshops.

6) National Office Staffing: Pierre Ramirez is no longer with USASA. We have new staff that has joined, Matt Zelek and Cassie Stipe. Executive Director Bruce Bode is still looking at two additional positions. We are working with GroupLevinson for social media and their posts are beginning this week.

D. Financial Report - Lori Stoneburner reported that the financial statements had been emailed out to the USASA General Membership earlier this week.

7. Committee /Task Force Reports & Updates:
USASA Committee/Task Force Reports:

1) 2024 National Cup – Chair Richard Groff Reported

- a. We have 120 Men's and 16 Women's teams for 2024.
- b. Qualifying State events for the Men's Amateur Cup were held in Eastern NY, MA, MD, EPA, NJ, and NC. EPA and NC had a women's event as well.

The Amateur Cups will grow even more if more State Associations sponsored a 4 team qualifying event. NPSL and NISA have agreed to enter teams in the Men's Amateur Cup.

WPSL and UWS are supporting the Women's Amateur Cup.

- c. The 100th Anniversary Men's and Women's Amateur Cup Finals will be in Dekalb Illinois July 25 – 28, 2024
- d. The National Cup Committee will meet in March.

2) Budget & Finance – Chair Andy Marion submitted an (email) written report to the board and gave a short update.

- a. Chair Andy Marion has talked one on one with the committee members.
- b. The Committee had its first zoom meeting with Executive Director Bruce Bode and Treasurer Lori Stoneburner.
- c. The Committee's first work will be to examine the USASA investment account, then the other bank accounts. The goal will be to have a written statement of purpose and use for each account, along with general guidelines for balances to be maintained.
- d. The current end of year balance is 1.6 million in the Investment account with roughly 50 percent in cash/money market/Bonds and 50 percent in equity funds/commodities.
- e. Executive Director Bruce Bode is working to get a copy of the original agreement documents between USASA and US Bancorp that will explain the calculations of the bank's fees..
- f. There are two cash accounts, a money market one with \$20K that is earning a normal 5% and the other with over \$225K that is only earning .9%. The questions are, Should we just have one cash account with the investments and should it have this much in it?

3) Governance Committee – Chair Janet Campbell reported that the committee:

- a. Has been meeting every other week and continuing their work on the USASA Policy Manual.
 - b. The Committee has finished the 200 sections of the USASA policies and sent it to Executive Director Bruce Bode, along with one additional change to section 100.
 - c. The Committee will circulate the revisions to the board.
- The Committee Chair Janet Campbell suggested the Board set a special meeting for the purpose of reviewing the proposed USASA Policy handbook as soon as it has been circulated.

4) Soccer Fest – Chair Cezar Wasecki reported that 2024 Soccer Fest will be held July 10 – 14th, 2024 in Greensboro South North Carolina, Team registration is up on the USASA website. Cezar Wasecki will be attending the regional meetings tomorrow to give updates and answer questions.

5) Hall of Fame – Chair Richard Moeller reported:

a. The USASA HOF Committee is currently accepting nominations for 2024 Hall of Fame Inductees now through April 15, 2024. A reminder email will be sent out soon!

b. Hall of Fame Committee members - Peggy Polley-Grizzle and Bob Kepner - were acknowledged in the meeting room. It was noted that Peggy Polley-Grizzle attended the 2024 Florida Classic in January 2024.

c. There are four (4) HOF Committee members' seats up for election for 2024 (Region 1 - Werner Fricker; Region 2 - Gianfranco Borroni; Region 3 - Larry Hall; and Region 4 - Dick Burns). Elections will be held ASAP for these 2024 HOF Committee member positions (2-year terms).

8. Unfinished Business: None

9. New Business: None

At Large Director Jim Sadowski apologized to President John Motta, the Board, and Executive Director Bruce Bode for a misunderstanding of protocol and sending an email with a draft Strategic Plan directly to the membership. President John Motta announced that the draft Strategic Plan that At large Director Jim Sadowski submitted was tabled.

Questions from the floor:

Gerhardt Mengel asked the National Cup Chair to include a National Cup Committee meeting and invite all the committee members.

10. Adjourned at 7:53pm

President John Motta thanked everyone for attending and asked the board members to stay in the room for an Executive Session.

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In Attendance:

President - John Motta

Vice President – Fritz Marth

Treasurer – Lori Stoneburner

Secretary - Karon Beyer

Executive Director – Bruce Bode

Region 1 Director – Tony Falcone

Region 2 Director – Karissa Richardson

Region 3 Director – Otey Smithson

Region 4 Director – Robin Runstein

Affiliate Director – Kendra Halterman

At Large – Jim Sadowski

At Large – Cezar Wasecki

Independent Director – Brett Hurwitz

Guests:

JT Batson, US Soccer CEO/Secretary -General  
Chelle Adams, US Soccer Chief Financial Officer  
Traci Messier, US Soccer Director of Corporate Communications  
Heidi Burgett, US Soccer Vice President, Corporate Communications  
Michael Lazar, US Soccer Managing Director, External Relations

Carlos Cordeiro, USSF Past President

John Mitchell, USASA Region 2 Deputy Director  
Andy Marion, USASA Budget & Finance Chair  
Janet Campbell, USASA Governance Committee Chair  
Richard Moeller, USASA Hall of Fame Chair  
Richard Groff, USASA National Cup Chair  
Liz McQuilkin, USASA Social Media Chair  
Chaz Ballish Regueiro, USASA Rules & Mac Committee Chair  
Dave Alteseben, USASA Technology Chair

Mike Edwards, USASA Past President

Peggy Polley Grizzle, Kentucky State President  
Jen Slater- Unruh, President South Dakota Soccer Association  
Chaz Ballish-Regueiro, Adult Commissioner  
Darius Ejlali, Executive Director North Carolina  
Casey Frankenwicz, President Missouri Soccer Association  
Jeff Berman, President Southern Ohio Adult Soccer Association  
Brian Babcock, Utah President  
Bryon Athridge, Utah CEO  
Carly Kent, Utah Director of Operations and Finance  
Blaine Burnett, Utah Executive Director  
Rachene' Badii North Texas State Soccer Women's Commissioner  
Sofia Hernandez, South Carolina State Administrator  
David Borts, President Rhode Island Soccer Association  
Jim Buza, Mass Soccer (?)  
Nadia Sussman, Mass Soccer Secretary  
Donna Langdon, North Carolina Executive Vice President  
Bob Kepner, North Carolina Treasurer  
Cindy Morrison, North Carolina  
Kevin Anderson, Maryland State Soccer Association Treasurer  
Cindy Spera, Managing Director National Premier Soccer League  
Kenny Farrell, Chairman of the Board National Premier Soccer League  
Steve Wagoner, Corporate Treasurer National Premier Soccer League  
Coco Moya, California Soccer Association – North Executive Secretary